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1. SUMMARY. BOTH FRENCH AND SOVIETS SEEM GENUINELY SATISFIED
WITH WIDE- RANGING EXCHANGES OF VIEWS -- INCLUDING SOME AD-

MITTED DIFFERENCES -- DURING JUNE 25-27 BREZHNEV STOP-OVER AT RAMBOUILLET FOLLOWING US- USSR SUMMIT. FOCUS OF TALK WAS ON EUROPE, ESPECIALLY SECURITY QUESTIONS AFFECTED BY SALT, MBFR, AND US- SOVIET BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. JOBERT AND GROMYKO MADE LAST - MINUTE PREPARATIONS FOR CSCE MINISTERIAL. FRENCH COMBINED RECENTLY INCREASED EMPHASIS ON WORKING FOR PEACE WITH FAMILIAR STRESS ON RETAINING NATIONAL OPTIONS NO MATTER WHAT US- SOVIET REALPOLITIKING MAY PRODUCE. GOF POSITION PERHAPS PARTLY CONDITIONED BY INCREASINGLY ACTIVE FRENCH RELATIONS WITH CHINA. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ON VIETNAM, PESSIMISM ON MIDDLE EAST. ON BILATERALS, POMPIDOU ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT USSR AGAIN IN EARLY 1974. PROGRESS WAS REGISTERED ON SEVERAL LARGE- SCALE ECONOMIC DEALS. OVERALL, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT FRENCH SELF- SATISFACTION ORIGINALLY GREETING BREZHNEV DECISION TO HOLD THIS SUMMIT MAY WELL HAVE DIMINISHED WITH INCREASING REALIZATION OF DEGREE TO WHICH RAMBOUILLET TALKS WERE OVERSHADOWED BY US- SOVIET SUMMIT RESULTS. POMPIDOU, HOWEVER, SEEMS PLEASED WITH THIS REAFFIRMATION OF HIS " PRIVILEGED INTERLOCUTOR" STATUS WITH BREZHNEV. END SUMMARY.

2. EUROPEAN SECURITY. ALL SIGNS INDICATE NO. 1 TOPIC OF POMPIDOU- BREZHNEV TALKS WAS EUROPEAN SECURITY. CLEARLY CONCERNED OVER US- SOVIET DECISION- MAKING IN SALT, MBFR, AND BILATERAL ACCORD ON AVOIDING NUCLEAR CONFLICTS, POMPIDOU WAS DOUBTLESS ANXIOUS TO HEAR BREZHNEV' S VIEWS ON THIS DECISION- MAKING SO THAT FRANCE MAY DRAW HER OWN CONCLUSIONS RE ITS IMPACT ON EUROPEAN SECURITY. IN REFERENCE TO SALT, GOF SPOKESMEN STRESS FRENCH DETERMINATION TO RETAIN NATIONAL OPTIONS IN BUILDING FORCE DE FRAPPE. ON MBFR, ELYSEE SOURCES INDICATE THAT POMPIDOU TOOK EVEN MORE NEGATIVE STANCE THAN AT JANUARY BYLO- RUSSIA SUMMIT AND THAT BREZHNEV " DID NOT INSIST" TOO HARD IN REITERATING SOVIET DESIRE TO SEE FRENCH PARTICIPATION AT VIENNA TALKS. JUNE 27 PCF DAILY L' HUMANITE NONETHELESS SHARPLY CRITICIZED CONTINUING GOF OPPOSITION TOWARD MBFR AND QUESTIONED " CREDIBILITY" OF POMPIDOU' S QUEST FOR DETENTE. CONFIDENTIAL

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AS FOR US- SOVIET SUMMIT, POMPIDOU CLAIMS " NOT TO HAVE FEARED" ITS RESULTANT ACCORDS, THOUGH HE REPORTEDLY APPRECIATED BREZHNEV' S REASSURANCES.

3. CSCE. LE FIGARO HEADLINE JUNE 26 THAT PARIS MIGHT BE SITE OF CSCE SUMMIT IN DECEMBER PROVOKED CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION HERE IN PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS. GOF SPOKESMEN, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN AT PAINS TO PLAY DOWN ANY SUGGESTION THAT POMPIDOU MIGHT RUSH TO GRAB SOVIET " BAIT" OF THIS NATURE. QUAI CSCE OFFICERS CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE GOF REMAINS STRICTLY NON-COMMITTAL ON IDEA OF CSCE SUMMIT, SAYING PHASETHREE LEVEL MUST BE DETERMINED BY CONSENSUS OF 35 PARTICIPATING STATES (INCLUDING MONACO) ON BASIS OF PHASE TWO RESULTS. WE BELIEVE FRENCH WILL ADHERE TO THIS POSITION, WHILE QUIETLY HOPING THAT

CSCE RESULTS WILL, IN FACT, PRODUCE " SUPER SUMMIT" AND THAT GROUND- SWELL WILL EVENTUALLY DEVELOP FOR PARIS AS SITE. JOBERT- GROMYKO TALKS THIS WEEK REPORTEDLY PROVIDED DETAILED DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR CSCE MINISTERIAL. PREDICTABLY, BOTH SIDES COMMENDED EACH OTHER' S CONTRIBUTIONS IN PAVING WAY TO CSCE.

4. OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. ON VIETNAM, BOTH SIDES TOOK OPTIMISTIC POSITION THAT " A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE RATHER SOON." AS LE MONDE' S MICHEL TATU NOTES, THIS CONTRASTS WITH PESSIMISTIC VIEW ON MIDDLE EAST, WHERE BOTH SAW " GREAT DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A SOLUTION." CHINA OFTEN APPEARED TO LOOM BEHIND THE SUMMIT TALKS, PARTICULARLY AS POMPIDOU PREPARES FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT TO PEKING. INDEED, COOL FRENCH REACTION TO CURRENT US- SOVIET REALPOLITIK IN GENERAL AND MOVES TO CONTROL NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION IN PARTICULAR MAY WELL BE CALCULATED PARTLY TO PLEASE CHINESE. REPORTS OF CHINESE A- BLAST JUNE 27 RECEIVED WITH KEEN INTEREST (AND PERHAPS SOME RELIEF) BY FRENCH, IN WAKE OF WIDESPREAD RECENT CRITICISM AND CONDEMNATION OF FORTHCOMING FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS IN PACIFIC. OVERALL, HOWEVER, FRENCH SHOW CLEAR PRIORITY IN RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW OVER TIES WITH PEKING.

5. BILATERALS. A SIGNIFICANT RESULT OF SUMMIT MEETING WAS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT POMPIDOU WILL VISIT USSR AGAIN IN EARLY 1974. FRANCE SOIR ANALYST SERGE MAFFERT, AN ELYSEE FAVORITE, PROBABLY REFLECTS ELYSEE VIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IN STATING CONFIDENTIAL

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BOTH SIDES PLEASED WITH AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND READY TO ACCEPT OTHER AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT. TALKS OF FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD D' ESTAING AND SEC STATE LECAT WITH SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MIN PAT- OLCHEV REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN PROGRESS ON: STREAMLINING OF GRANDE AND PETITE COMMISSIONS (GISCARD WILL GO TO MOSCOW JULY 10 FOR OPENING GRANDE COMMISSION SESSION); CONTRACT FOR DELIVERY OF 2.5 BILLION CUBIC METRES OF SOVIET GAS TO FRANCE OVER NEXT 20 YEARS; FRENCH CONSTRUCTION OF HUGE CELLULOSE PLANT (ANNUAL PRODUCTION 85,000 TONS) AT OUST- ILIN IN SIBERIA, FOR WHICH FRANCE HAS OFFERED CREDITS OF 650 MILLION FRANCS; BETTER BALANCING OF TRADE IN MANUFACTURED GOODS; IMPROVING ON SOVIETS' 55 MILLION FRANCS' WORTH OF EXPORTS TO FOS STEEL COMPLEX DURING SECOND STAGE OF FOS DEVELOPMENT; POSSIBLE INCREASE OF SOVIET SALES TO AMBES REFINERY NEAR BORDEAX, FROM 12 TO 60 MILLION FRANCS; AND FRENCH CONTRACT FOR ACQUISITION OF GIANT SOVIET INDUSTRIAL PRESS OF 65,000 TONS' CAPACITY WORTH 52 MILLION FRANCS.

6. JEWISH STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. ON FINAL DAY OF RAMBOUILLET SUMMIT, FRENCH JEWISH STUDENTS BURNED SEVERAL FLAGS IN FRONT OF SOVIET INTOURIST OFFICE AND ON L' HUMANITE PREMISES TO PROTEST SOVIET ANTI- SEMITISM. BUT THEIR REACTIONS ATTRACTED NOTABLY LITTLE ATTENTION DURING WIND- UP OF THIS SHORT BUT,

ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU, " VERY CONSTRUCTIVE" SUMMIT.
IRWIN

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